



Weekly Information & Communication



April 11, 2016

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## WIC Futures Meeting May 16<sup>th</sup>

Our final WIC Futures Study Group meeting will be held on Monday, May 16, 2016 from 11-3 at the Best Western Gran Tree hotel in Bozeman. We will be sending out a final agenda closer to the date, but we anticipate discussing the funding formula for FFY 2017, eWIC updates, and the transition to the new WIC work group. Members of the group will be sponsored to attend and others are welcome to come and observe. As we will be hosting lunch and needing to set up the room, please RSVP if you plan to attend by May 5<sup>th</sup> with an email to [Kate](#).

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## Reallocation

As discussed on the 4/7/16 conference call, the WIC state office has very limited funds this year for reallocation. Please review your budget and anticipated needs for the remainder of the current fiscal year and email [Kate](#) with your reallocation request. We will do our best to help you balance your budget for the year, but know that it will be a much more conservative approach than in prior years.

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## Save the Date: Great Beginnings, Great Families Conference-Aug 23-25

Please see the attached [Save the Date](#) and check out the DPHHS [website](#) for more information.

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## Certified Lactation Specialist

Training and an exam to be designated a Certified Lactation Specialist is being offered in Billings by the Billings Clinic, June 20-24, 2016. [Applications](#) for reimbursement of registration, travel and per diem are available and due May 13, 2016. Once costs for the Spring WIC Meeting and Breastfeeding Learning Collaborative are known, we will determine which applications can be funded. If you have any questions contact Chris Fogelman by email at [cfogelman@mt.gov](mailto:cfogelman@mt.gov).

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## Deadline for Forms Order This Friday!

Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> is the final deadline to have your biannual forms order in. Make it last until October 15<sup>th</sup>. The fillable PDF form is on the website under clinic admin resources. If you are unable to download Adobe Reader for the fillable form, please fax (444-0239) or email the Word Doc to [KAughney@mt.gov](mailto:KAughney@mt.gov).

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## Study on Vegetable Acceptance in Children (5 months to 6 years)

Click [here](#) to read a Longitudinal Study on Vegetable Acceptance in Children from 5 Months to 6 Years in Two Populations. Submit the WIC CEU form for articles to Lacy Little at [llittle@mt.gov](mailto:llittle@mt.gov) to receive CEUs.

## Making Strides: Safe Routes Partnership State Report Cards

“Physical activity is a fundamental building block for good health, and states have a crucial role in promoting it,” according to the Sage Routes Partnership. The partnership created a report, [State Report Cards on Support for Walking, Bicycling, and Active Kids and Communities](#). Click the link to see where Montana rates.

## Weekly Risk Code Highlight

[Risk Code 801](#), Homelessness is defined as a woman, infant or child who lacks a fixed and regular nighttime residence; or whose primary nighttime residence is:

- A supervised publicly or privately operated shelter ( including a welfare hotel, a congregate shelter, or a shelter for victims of domestic violence) designed to provide temporary living accommodations
- An institution that provides a temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized
- A temporary accommodation of not more than 365 days in the residence of another individual
- A public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, as regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.

Examples of when this code could be used is when a family is “couch surfing” from house to house or when a woman is staying in a shelter because she is a victim of domestic violence.

## Reports Available:

[Benefits Issued and Redeemed Feb 2016](#), [Breast feeding Peer Counselor Report March](#), [Apr 15-Mar 16 Participation Report](#).

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